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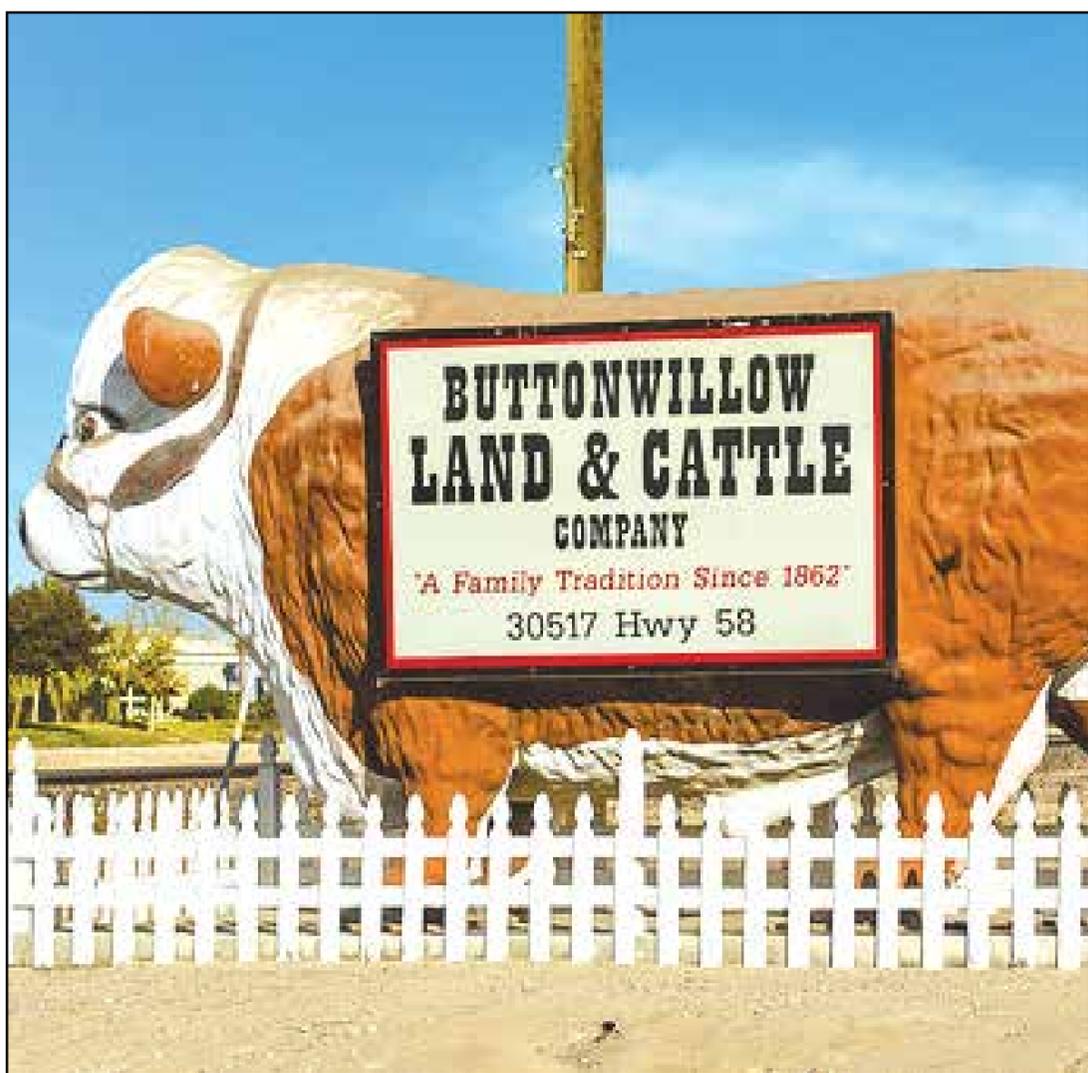
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The Buttonwillow Land and Cattle Co. sign.

FOCUS ON FARMING | The Tracy family

A legacy born in the 1800s

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Tracy family has a history in the farming and cattle industry, with their operations going back into the 1800s, beginning with William Tracy. Today, their family-held operations consist of the growing of cotton, wheat, potatoes, tomatoes, carrots, almonds and pistachios. Beef-raising rounds out the operations of the Buttonwillow Land & Cattle Company, a partnership made up of three families: the Freys, Selvedges and Tracys.

Tracy Ranch Inc. is a family-held corporation owned by widespread stockholders, also Freys, Selvedges and Tracys, including sons and daughters.

The family legacy began with Ferdinand Tracy (1829-1908) in the late 1850's in the gold mines near Kernville. However, the family uses the official birthdate of 1862 when Ferdinand and Wellington Canfield formed the partnership



Bill Tracy, John Tracy, JB Selvidge, Larry Frey, Jack Frey and Wess Selvidge.

Canfield & Tracy, a rangeland cattle operation. Their herds roamed the lower San Joaquin Valley, grazing on wild grass in an untamed dominion ruled by the likes of rattlesnakes, jackrabbits, coyotes and waterfowl, subject to the ruthless whims of the mighty Kern River.

In 1875 Ferdinand married Ellen Baker, the widow of Colonel Thomas Baker (deceased 1872). The marriage yielded two children, "Baby" and "Ferdie," who both died as infants.

In 1898, Ferdinand's nephew, See **TRACYS** Page 5

Traffic leads to big drug operation

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

A traffic stop led to an arrest of six people, the discovery of nearly 500 pounds of methamphetamine and the destruction of a drug lab in Shafter last Thursday.

California Highway Patrol officers initiated a traffic stop on Wible Road in Bakersfield. The officers and a K9 Bart discovered about 97 pounds of methamphetamine inside the trunk of a Honda Accord being driven by Luis Cecena, 32, of Mexico City. This discovery led officers to conduct a search warrant at a suspect's home in Shafter. At a property in the 1700 block of Fresno Avenue, officers discovered a lab on the property that was suspected of manufacturing meth.

The Kern County Sheriff's Office said in a statement that this was a result of a lengthy investigation by a multiagency task force including the Kern County Rural Crimes Unit, Kern County High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Task Force Team and the California Highway Patrol. It is not clear what the cause behind the traffic stop was at the time.

At the residence, officers confiscated about 360 pounds of methamphetamine, 100 gallons of liquid meth, several weapons and a substantial amount of cash.

Those taken into custody were Ronaldo Cain, 50, of Bakersfield; Luis Moreno-Andrade, 18, of Mexico City; Jose Aguirre-Chaidez, 22, of Sinaloa, Mexico; Felipe Angulo-Renteria, 36, of Mexico City, and Jose Violante-Medina, 44, of Mexico City.

Shafter Police Department's Assistant Chief Diana Burnett said that the arrest was a surprise to the department. "We didn't know anything about the situation until after the fact. Our Code Compliance officer was called out to assess the property and the integrity of the structure, which was deemed unsafe, and I believe Animal Control was called out because of some fighting roosters."

All of the suspects were booked into the Kern County Central Receiving Facility and are awaiting arraignment. The Sheriff's Office encourages anyone with information to call them at 661-861-3110.



A large amount of illegal substances was found on the property.



Over 360 pounds of methamphetamine was recovered.

Long-time Wasconian Chuck Wright passes

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

Chuck Wright, 86, a long-time resident of Wasco, passed away peacefully at home on June 28. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend.

Chuck was born on Oct. 11, 1936, in Bakersfield. He attended elementary school in Shafter and graduated from high school in McFarland, where he excelled in football.

He also attended Fresno State and Bakersfield College. Around this time, he

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was married to Linda Kirkpatrick for a few years.

Chuck had four children, nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren that he liked to spoil.

"They loved their poppy," Chuck's son, Chad, said.

Chuck moved to Wasco in 1963, where he lived for the rest of his life.

That same year he bought a drive-in, Chuck Burger, that was popular and well-known for his "Big C" burger. There, he

met the love of his life, Janice, when she came in to apply for a job and was hired. They went on to share 57 years of marriage.

He had a diverse professional background, working as a potato shed manager and correctional officer at San Luis Obispo. In McFarland, he and his father owned a small grocery store.

In 1978, Chuck sold Chuck Burger and started a career selling cars at Richland Chevrolet in Shafter. His friendliness and outgoing personality served him well in that role.

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Chuck Wright with his wife, Janice.

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Community Calendar

As activities restart and businesses reopen, we will try to update readers on the status of events and activities throughout the area. Please contact Erica Soriano with additions and changes at esoriano@TheShafterPress.com or call 661-292-5100 by Monday at 4 p.m. for that week's paper.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cooling center – 2023 Kern County Cooling Center (Centros De Enfriamiento Condado De Kern 2023) at 505 Sunset Ave. at the Walker Senior Center in Shafter from 1 to 8 p.m. Sponsored by Kern County Aging & Adult Services.

First Friday – City of Shafter Downtown Summer Concert Series with music, food, vendors, fun. Friday, Aug. 4, at downtown center, 4-9 p.m. Sponsorships available by contacting Rachel Zermeno at rzermeno@shafter.com.

Bike Rodeo – City of Wasco Compliance Division presents Bike Rodeo Safety & Wellness Event. Free (while supplies last) children helmets, bike raffle, bike registration, safety skills, bikes, flat tire repair for children and food. Open to children ages 5-12. Friday, July 14 at

9 a.m., Barker Park, Wasco. Registration begins at 9 a.m. For more information, call Christian Tovar at 661-758-7213 or Sergio Gonzalez at 661-758-7216.

50-year reunion – Wasco High class of 1973 is looking for classmates for their 50-year reunion Saturday, Oct. 7. Contact Marta Rodriguez-Poe at mapoe1982@gmail.com or 661-303-3770.

Summer youth program – Shafter Youth Center free summer. Registration at www.cpak.org or call 661-746-8235. Runs to Friday, Aug. 4. Sports, arts and crafts, computer lab, STEM activities and field trips.

ONGOING

Basic office skills classes – Wasco Adult School offers Bakersfield College basic office skills certificates. Register now. Call 661-758-7414 for more information.

PRIDE Pantry donations needed – Help hurting families at Shafter High through donations of personal hygiene items, clothing, household items and nonperishable food. Drop off at the school office, 526 Mannel Ave. Call Katie Young at on-campus intervention, 661-746-4961.

Free covid tests – All residential households can order four free at-home covid-19 tests. Visit covidtests.gov

MONDAY

North Kern 4H – Meetings are held at Karl Clemens cafeteria at 7 p.m. the second Monday of the month. For more information, contact Chris at 661-809-2851.

Richland School board – Meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at Golden Oak Cafeteria, 195 S. Wall St.

TUESDAY

Shafter City Council – Meetings the first and third Tuesday of the month at City Hall, 336 Pacific Ave.

Wasco City Council – Meetings first and third Tuesday of the month. Meetings are

held at 746 8th St. at 6 p.m.

Wasco Woman's Club – Meetings at the clubhouse, 1601 7th St., on the second Tuesday of the month. There is a \$15 fee for the lunch meetings.

Senior lunch program – Meals offered the first and third Tuesday of the month at Griffith Avenue Baptist Church, 408 Griffith St. Sack lunches for seniors will be given out at 11 a.m. Sponsored by Golden Gleaners.

WEDNESDAY

Shafter Rotary – Meetings at 7 a.m. at the Shafter Veterans Hall.

Shafter Kiwanis – Meetings Wednesdays at 12 p.m. at the Shafter Veterans Hall.

Shafter Woman's Club – Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month, September through May, starting at 11 a.m. at the Shafter Youth Center, 455 Euclid Ave.

THURSDAY

Wasco High School board – Meetings the second Thursday of the month at 1900 7th St. in Room 202, or alternatively in Library Room 1101. Visit wuhs.wascouhdsd.org for agenda information.

Wasco Recreation and Park board – Meetings on the third Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Hall at Barker Park.

Food distribution – Shafter Recreation and the Gleaners have food distribution every first and third Thursday of each month at the W.C. Walker Senior Center, 505 Sunset Ave.

FRIDAY

Food giveaway – The Impact Program is a weekly food giveaway provided to anyone in need, Fridays beginning at 7 a.m. First come, first served. Griffith Avenue Baptist Church, 408 Griffith St., Wasco.

Bulky waste pickup – American Refuse offers free bulky waste pick-up service Fridays to all City of Shafter core residents. To schedule a pickup, use the app or call 661-758-5316. No sabes que hacer con esos articulos de basura grande? Llame a American Refuse 661-758-5316 o use su aplicación para programar una recojida de estas articulos. Este servicio es gratis para todos los residents de la ciudad de Shafter (core residents).

SATURDAY

Depot Museum – Shafter Historical Society presents the city's history. Free admittance. 150 Central Valley Highway. Open Saturdays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Green Hotel tours – Shafter Historic Green Hotel is open to tours on the first Saturday of each month from 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information about renting the hotel for events, email thegreenhotel@gmail.com or phone 661-746-1913 and leave a message.

Minter Field Air Museum – Open Fridays and Saturdays 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at 401 Vultee, Shafter. Admission free, donations accepted.

Mystery history

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Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Shafter Historical Society. If you know the location, circumstances, exact or rough date and/or people in the photo, send your educated (or semieducated) guess to *The Press*, 455 Kern St., Suite E, Shafter, CA 93263, or e-mail it to mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com. Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** Janice, Karen and Susan Grisham at a USDA Shafter Research Center greenhouse in 1960.



WASCO



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ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

JULY 2

Luis Medrano, 18, of Shafter, was arrested at North Shafter and Tulare Avenue on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a felony charge and driving without a license.

JULY 3

Pedro Antonio Talamantes, 24, of Shafter, was arrested at Smith Corners for taking a vehicle without owner's consent, motor vehicle theft, stolen property, obstruction and possession of burglary tools.

JULY 4

Anthony Obryan, 26, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of West Ash Avenue for obstruction and disorderly conduct: alcohol.

Orlando Lopez Flores, 33, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of Central Valley Highway on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge and on an outside felony warrant.

Alexander Salinas, 20, of Shafter, was arrested in the 500 block of Rodeo Avenue for obstruction and disorderly conduct: alcohol.

JULY 5

Fabian Aguilar, 19, of Shafter, was arrested in the 30700 block of Paseo De Pico for obstruction, reckless driving, crossing over a double yellow line and evading a peace officer.

Alyssa Moreno, 26, of Shafter, was arrested in the 600 block of East Los Angeles Avenue for DUI and driving with a suspended license from a DUI.

JULY 9

Jose Luis Salcedo, 27, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of West Ash Avenue for battery on a person.

BUTTONWILLOW

As reported by the Kern County Sheriff's Office, Buttonwillow substation:

June 27

Amayrani Almanza, 25, of Wasco, was arrested in the 300 block of Central Valley Highway in Shafter on a warrant remand. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Javier de Jesus, 52, of Van Nuys, was arrested in the 300 block of Central Valley Highway in Shafter on a warrant remand. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

George Perez, 45, of Wasco, was arrested in the 300 block of Central Valley Highway in Shafter on two felony warrant remands. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Maximino Acosta, 46, of Bakersfield, was arrested in the 5200 block of Judd Street in Bakersfield for battery and damaging/destroy-

ing or tampering with any wireless communication device to prevent from calling 911. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Gustavo Ignacio Avendano, 32, of Shafter, was arrested in the 30700 block of Rodriguez Street in Shafter for domestic violence, willful cruelty to child, damaging/destroying or tampering with any wireless communication device to prevent from calling 911 and a misdemeanor warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Luis Valdez, 28, of Wasco,

was arrested in the 300 block of Central Valley Highway in Shafter on a felony remand and four misdemeanor remands. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

session of a stolen vehicle and on a felony warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Carlos Hernandez, 19, of Lost Hills, was arrested in the 14600 block of Lost Hills Road in Lost Hills for battery on a spouse. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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CLARIFICATION

Due to a typographical error, a story last week on the Shafter Mennonite Church's wrestling camp was unclear about the registration fee. The camp is \$20

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"Because life is worth seeing"



Nancy Guardado loves the community of Shafter.



The pinatas are one of the biggest sellers.

Candyland makes parties sweet

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

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Nancy Guardado has been helping the community celebrate for six years, be it parties with pinatas, inflatables, a bunch of candy and whatever items needed to make a great party.

Candyland has been open in Shafter for six years, thriving even during the pandemic, which challenged a lot of store owners in Shafter and Wasco.

When we visited Guardado in 2022, she was just opening her second store, in downtown Wasco.

She was there just over a year, but closed

the store to concentrate on the Shafter location.

"We had a lot of trouble in Wasco. We had our store broken into twice in the time we were open there." One of the incidents caused the store owner to replace the majority of her inventory. "They took almost everything," commented Guardado. "We had to make the decision to close the Wasco store. I just didn't feel safe there."

When asked what she liked about Shafter, her first response was the people of Shafter and the feeling she has had when operating in Shafter. "I feel so much safer

here in Shafter. The Shafter Police Department has been so nice and have come so fast whenever we have had any problems."

The store is run by her and her son and daughter, a fully family-owned and operated business.

Guardado said that she has always dreamed of owning her own candy store. "I used to sell candies when I was a young child," said Guardado. "I was 13 when we moved to Shafter. I love this community and have always felt safe and appreciated here."

Be it having some good candy, jumping in an inflatable, or partying on down with a group of friends, Nancy Guardado is there to help out.

Guardado said that she gets her candies and the majority of her other supplies from Mexico and brings them back here to sell. Her collection of pinatas has something for everyone.

Guardado said that they also rent inflatables, tables, chairs – all things party-related. "The business has been great in Shafter and I just love the town. We get some business from online, but most of our business is the candies and pinatas we sell to the local people here. They are so great!"

Candyland, 147 Central Ave., is open seven days a week, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Sundays.

"These are our people"

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

Out of 100,000 chiropractors in the world, Dr. Dennis Campbell of Campbell Chiropractic is one of only about 3,000 physicians that practice the unique specialty of upper cervical chiropractic.

Within that specialty, he practices the Blair technique, where he is one of 20 in the world at the highest skill level.

More than half of his practice is from people that come from Visalia, Fresno, Paso Robles and Bakersfield. "And a lot further because of the particular specialty I do. The next close specialty would be Los Angeles, the Bay Area and Sacramento. I am the only one in the Valley," Dr. Campbell said.

His wife, Melissa, born and raised in Wasco, commented, "People say, 'why are we not in any other place? You could make so much more money.' But I say this is where God planted us. These are our people."

"We have turned down some incredible opportunities elsewhere, but this is our home."

Dr. Campbell added, "We have had offers to move to Los Angeles or the Bay Area, where we would triple our income, but we just don't fit in the big city. It's not my style. I'm a small-town guy."

So much so that he enjoys riding his bike or walking to work.

Melissa shared, "The people that come into our office are like family. We believe in loving people well, which brings healing."

Though his main focus is his practice,



Maria Salinas, the doctor's "right-hand man," with Dr. Dennis Campbell and his wife, Melissa, the office administrator.

he is an adjunct professor at Life West University as an advanced instructor. He travels throughout many countries to conventions to teach other doctors his specialty.

Originally from Oregon, Dr. Campbell attended Portland State University for his bachelor's degree and earned his doctorate from Western State Chiropractic University.

He first came to the area in 1995, where he helped Dr. Anderson in Shafter run his business. After six months of working with Dr. Anderson, he purchased his practice.

In 1997 he moved on to Wasco to assist Dr. Kallies with his practice, which was suffering. Dr. Kallies then gave Dr. Campbell the business. He now had two prac-

tices, including the one in Shafter.

He thought it didn't make sense to have two practices just seven miles apart and, in 2000, decided to combine them both and stay in Wasco.

Since 1999, he has worked with schools as a team doctor at football games. He has also been on the city's planning commission and served on the scholarship board.

"I've become a part of the community. It's what has put food on the table for the last 28 years."

Campbell Chiropractic, 620 E St., is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. You can find them on the web at denniscampbelldc.com. To schedule an appointment for an exam, call 661-758-5131.

A unique approach to good health

Upper cervical chiropractic is remarkably different from what most people experience as general chiropractic.

The approach focuses on correcting a misalignment of the upper neck. Although the scope of upper cervical care is small, by addressing the cause of injury at the power source means there can be potential benefits throughout the body.

An upper cervical correction is unique from what many people think of as chiropractic manipulation. There is no pulling, tugging or jerking of the head. This precise yet gentle touch allows the head, neck and spine to return to the proper position, helping to remove the interference and restoring balance to the body.

The Blair technique is a specific method of upper cervical chiropractic. "The examination involved is very detailed at what we are looking at. We take x-rays to see how the vertebrae is positioned around the brain stem," Dr. Campbell said.

All symptoms, however, are effects which must have a cause, and the true objective of Blair upper cervical chiropractic is to locate and correct that cause.

—Veronica Jaquinde

ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Kern County Sheriff's Office, Wasco substation:

JULY 3

Armando Ambriz, 37, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2700 block of Garces Highway for felony assault with intent to commit rape, inflict corporal injury on spouse, kidnapping, false imprisonment, attempt to rape by force, misdemeanor obstructing an officer: resisting arrest, violation of a protection order and damaging a wireless communication device. He was booked into the Kern

County Jail.

Yahir David Sanchez, 18, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of Poplar Avenue and 7th Street for misdemeanor driving without a license. He was cited and released at the scene.

JULY 4

Vanessa Beltran, 39, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2000 block of Jasmine Street on misdemeanor bench warrant. She was cited and released at the scene.

Alejandro Daniel Mendoza, 27, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of G and 6th streets for misdemeanor possession of controlled substance para-

phernalia. He was cited and released at the scene.

Brice Patterson, 37, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of F Street on misdemeanor bench warrants. He was cited and released at the scene.

Guadalupe Ramos, 42, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of F Street on a misdemeanor bench warrant. She was cited and released at the scene.

Mark Ybarra, 38, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of H Street for felony burglary, vandalism, grand theft, receiving known stolen property, grand theft of property, business

practice violation, and on felony bench warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

JULY 6

Marcos Villagrana Cabrera, 30, of Delano, was arrested in the 700 block of H Street on felony and misdemeanor bench warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Hector Ruiz Olmedo, 27, of Bakersfield, was arrested in the 500 block of Highway 46 for felony robbery, conspiracy to commit a crime, threatening with intent to terrorize, assault with a firearm on person and unlawful possession

of a CCW. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Javier Ruiz Olmedo, 28, of Delano, was arrested in the 500 block of Highway 46 for felony robbery, conspiracy to commit a crime and threatening with intent to terrorize. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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Jana Dee Lowe, 54, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2200 block of 9th Place for misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance, and obstructing an officer: resisting arrest. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

JULY 8

Luis Ocampo, 41, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of Broadway and 7th streets on a felony bench warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Jaime Gerardo Tello, 50, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2400 block of Summer Hill Court for misdemeanor battery on a spouse. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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Epifanio Fierro, 53, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1800 block of D Street for possession of stolen property. He was cited and released at the scene.

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Katherine, Amelia and Gabriel Garza are learning the ropes of the family business.



Elvia Garcia in 1990 with the original blue portable shack.



Elvia Garza, with Stella and David Guerra, take pride in their delicious treats.

Sno-Shack: A delightful summer tradition

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

Wasco Sno-Shack has served the community for the last 33 years. It is a family-owned business founded by Elvia Garza in 1990 and passed down in 2010 to her daughter, Stella Guerra.

Sno-Shack is known for its delicious shaved ice cones. There are over 40 flavors and mixtures. Some of their most popular are vanilla with cream, coco con leche, mango-chamoy, cherry and the all-famous Tiger's blood.

"The ice is exquisitely soft, allowing each bite to melt effortlessly on your tongue, creating a truly indulgent and satisfying treat. The flavors burst with sweetness and refreshing goodness," Guerra said.

"My mother's unwavering commitment to exceptional customer service set the foundation of our business, fostering loyalty and trust among our clientele."

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She added, "Now, as I take over the reins, I am honored to continue her legacy by upholding the same level of personalized care and dedication she instilled in me from the start."

Guerra said she likes being a part of a family business.

"As a young child working alongside my mother in her business, I experienced firsthand the joy of being involved in a family enterprise and witnessing the hard work and dedication required to run a successful venture."

"Growing up in this environment, I absorbed valuable lessons about entrepreneurship, customer service, and the importance of building strong relationships with clients and the community."

She said her mother's business became a classroom where she learned practical skills and developed a strong work ethic

from an early age.

Guerra plans to pass the business over to her children.

"Now, as a parent myself, I am thrilled to pass on these lessons to my three children and involve them in the family business. It is an incredible opportunity for them to gain hands-on experience, learn about financial responsibility and foster their own entrepreneurial spirit."

She said she takes pride in that her children are actively learning the ropes of the business, gradually taking on more responsibilities and preparing them to take over eventually.

Guerra said Sno-Shack stands out from the rest.

"What sets our business apart is the remarkable combination of our enduring legacy, with both my mother and I dedicating three decades of hard work and expertise, and our unwavering commitment to delivering unparalleled service that keeps cus-

tomers coming back time and time again."

Sno-Shack is a seasonal business open from June through Labor Day in September.

"The constant drive, adaptability, and excitement for each summer continually rejuvenates my passion to serve locals and many from out of state who come and support us every summer."

Guerra thanks the community.

"We are deeply grateful to the community for their unwavering support throughout the years of our family business, as their patronage and loyalty have been the cornerstone of our growth and commitment every summer providing refreshing treats."

"It is their trust and continued support that inspire us to keep serving and contributing to the community we hold dear."

Sno-Shack 517 F St. is open Sunday- Friday from 12 pm to 9 pm and Saturday from 12 pm to 7 pm. You can find them on Facebook at Wasco Snow-Shack.

Purple Ribbon Month focuses on kids

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

July is Purple Ribbon Month, in observance of Kaitlyn's Law, which was passed in 2001, making it a citable offense to leave children under the age of 6 years old in a vehicle without the supervision of someone at least 12 years of age.

The law was named for Kaitlyn Marie Russell, who died on Aug. 15, 2000, after being left in a hot van by a caregiver.

Kern County has designated July as Purple Ribbon Month in memory of Kaitlyn and all the children who have lost their lives to preventable injuries in and around cars, and in order to educate and increase public awareness about the dangers of leaving children unattended in or around motor vehicles. There have been nine children who have died this year due to hyperthermia in the United States.

On July 18, the Kern County Board of Supervisors will proclaim July as Purple

Ribbon Month. The purpose of the Purple Ribbon campaign is to remind the community that it only takes a few minutes for a car to heat up to temperatures that a young child's body cannot withstand.

There were 36 deaths of children last year alone that could have been prevented. You can follow the Purple Ribbon Month Campaign on social media platforms, @KernCountyDHS, the website www.kcdhs.org. All individuals are encouraged to play a role in making Kern

County a safer place for children and families.

The campaign, according to the Kern County Public Health Department, has helped reduce deaths and injuries across Kern County. "The campaign has helped raise awareness about this subject that is saving lives of our children," said Tia Malano, who has been involved in campaigns since 2005. "It is so important to make residents aware that there is something we can do to prevent these injuries and deaths."

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Camp keeps kids engaged over summer

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

The Wasco Recreation and Parks District Kids Summer Camp is back with a two-week session beginning July 24 to Aug. 3, Monday through Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., for ages 5 to 12. Kids will learn, play, create and imagine.

Activities include art, music, theater and sports; each week, there are two themes. The themes for the first week will be debate and goal-getters. The second week's themes will be world festivals and astronauts and space.

WRPD Manager Chris Serna said that summer camp can positively impact a child

by helping them learn about themselves. "Summer camp offers kids a unique opportunity to learn about the world outside the traditional classroom setting while doing wonders for their personal growth and development."

She added, "Summer camp keeps kids in a growth mindset to adjust for the upcoming school year and is a short format that gives kids a chance to deeply explore a subject they may have a slight interest in."

Camp leaders are trained through El-evo Learning, an accredited curriculum that engages students and fosters social-emotional learning through fun, physically active games, sports and enrichment. All summer camp materials will be in-



The kids at summer camp in 2019.

cluded with the \$55 registration fee, and campers will be provided with a healthy snack midmorning each day.

For more information, visit wasco-parks.recdesk.com or call the WRPD of-

face at 661-758-3081.

"We hope to see kiddos before they head back to school for a fun time at the park and with the fun themes that we will have," Serna said.

Open your home and build lifelong friends

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

Cultural Homestay International is looking for host families for foreign exchange students. The program is an opportunity to positively impact a youth's life while making memories and friendships that will last a lifetime.

CHI Academic Program Administrator Dorothy Whitefield said the organization has been placing students from all over the world for over 40 years. They have placed students in Wasco for the last 30 years.

Foreign exchange students come from Belgium, Brazil, China, Colombia, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mongolia, Mexico, Poland, Spain, Thailand, Turkey and Vietnam.

Students placed are age 15 to 18 and will attend Wasco High School for either a semester or an academic school year.

Host families provide a room and three meals a day. They undergo a vetting process that includes a background check for anyone over 18 in the household, provide references and participate in an in-home interview.

Students are required to purchase their



Aurora from Italy with her host family.

own toiletries and bring spending money for any expenses, such as sports.

Whitefield said the purpose of the exchange program is to build bridges of understanding and peace.

"It broadens horizons for both the host

family and students. All of our host families do it for altruistic reasons. It's bigger than them."

Host families learn about the culture of a new country from the student.

"The students bring their culture. It

could be through food or how different holidays are celebrated and how we do it in our country versus how they do it there. It's a learning experience for both."

The students that come have a good foundation in English, and their level increases exponentially while they are here.

Whitefield explained, "They learn how wonderful Americans are, develop really close friendships with their peers at school and strong bonds with their host family who end up thinking of them as another family member."

She said it's that kind of relationship that makes it special.

"Many families keep in touch with their students years after hosting them. For students, they have a family at home but also love their family here."

Host families are surprised to see how close they grow with their students.

"Although students are only here for ten months, you see families crying because their new daughter or son is leaving," Whitefield said.

For more information on how to host an exchange student, call Whitefield at 805-944-2987 or visit chinnet.org.

Tracys build farm legacy

From Page 1

William Tracy, established what would be today's headquarters, the historical park on Wildwood Road, 5 miles northeast of Buttonwillow. This era was marked by the raising of Belgian draft horses and later ostriches. His marriage in 1904 to the daughter of another pioneer family, Fannie C. Rowlee, would yield six children, one of which succumbed to scarlet fever at age 8.

With the death of William Tracy on July 4, 1941, his widow, Fannie Tracy, rallied her widespread children and their spouses back to the ranch. The result was a turning point that saved a ranch ravaged by bad luck of the '20s and the Great Depression of the '30s. Fueled by the talents and resources of the Freys, Selvidges and Tracys, and made urgent by World

War II, the ranch was transformed from an equine focus into mechanized farming.

Today, in the 5th generation, diversity is their strength, the achievement of their unity and of all hearts in one place—the ranch.

Reaching its 140th year in 2002, the Tracy Ranch is joined today by only a handful of other surviving Kern County operations with roots going back to early California. They share one common beginning — rangeland cattle. The family operations even involved a flock of ostriches. In 1906, a female and male ostrich was shipped to the ranch for the purpose of gathering their plumages. By 1910, the flock was grown to 174 birds. A Tracy-owned company, Tracy Studio Design in Bakersfield,

was making robes, boas, pom-poms, fans and many other items. The birds eventually were shipped off; some were sold, others were donated to Hart Memorial Park.

Today, the company is run by generations of farmers from the three families. Michael Frey said, "We are a large family, but it takes each person to focus on a certain department of the operation. Currently, their biggest crops are almonds and pistachios. But, the family has also branched out into real estate, with ownership of a few office buildings in Bakersfield, as well as an oceanside hotel in Pismo Beach.

The one biggest challenge is the water. "With the federal regulations governing water and air quality, it is challenging. If we weren't already in farming, that would be a real barrier for entry."

Long-time Wasconian Chuck Wright passes

From Page 1

"He had the gift of gab," his daughter Kristy said.

Chuck retired in 2009.

In his free time, he enjoyed spending time with his family. In particular, he loved the beach and traveling. He and his wife took many trips; their favorite was visiting New York City.

He was an avid Dodgers fan and cherished attending games with his family and watching games at home.

Chuck was a man of faith and was part of the congregation at Free Will Baptist Church of Delano, instilling in his children core values so they could succeed in life.

"My father was honest, sincere and a man full of compassion," Chad said.

He passed these traits on to his children. "He taught us how to be honest and treat people with kindness and respect, to be fair and always maintain your integrity no matter the situation," Chad said.

As a father, Chad said, "He was stern yet loving. He was always somebody full of life and was a man dedicated to his children."

He added, "He showed me how to be a man, treat women and be a father. He impacted me in every way in my life. That goes the same for all my siblings."

Chuck liked the small-town community in Wasco.

"And getting to know everybody. It was just what he liked, going to the coffee shop and visiting with all of the people he came to know over the years," Chad said.

His family remembered that Chuck had a good sense of humor.

"He was funny, very witty and he always had jokes. He was the life of our family parties," Kristy said.

Chuck was a hardworking man. "He went to work every day and provided for his family," she said.

Chad said he was a man of great character and always a joy to talk to.

DEATH NOTICES

Jesus Carriedo Mendoza, 65, of Wasco passed away July 5, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

Steve "Hoss" Rill, 71, of Shafter passed away July 2, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Becky Burns, 84, of Shafter passed away July 5, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Manuel Rodriguez, 60, of Shafter passed away July 5, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

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Winners in baseball, softball honored

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

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With the volleyball season ready to begin next week, the spring baseball and softball teams celebrated the end of the season with All Star games and awards presentations this week, crowning the champions in each division.

And there is no rest for those on the diamond, with the sign-ups for Fall Baseball and Softball beginning on July 10 and goes to Aug. 18. The cost is \$70 per player, with payment plans for those who cannot afford to pay the entire amount at once.

The first place winners of the spring baseball and softball seasons were honored.

In 11U boys baseball, first place winners were the Blue Jays, which finished the season with a perfect 8-0 record. The Giants had a 7-1 record to get second place, with their only loss to the Blue Jays.

The White Sox won the championship for the 11U girls softball season with a 7-1 record. Second place in the division went to the Red Sox, with a 4-2-1 record. In the 14U boys division, it was a battle between the Diamondbacks and the Angels, with the championship coming down to the final week. The Diamondbacks won with a 7-1 record, one game ahead of the Angels, who finished the season with a 6-2 record.

In the 14U girls division, the Yankees finished the season undefeated with a 7-0-1 record; the only blemish was a tie with the White Sox, who finished in second place with a record of 5-2-1.

Shafter Recreation is still taking registrations for the Shafter Striders cross country season. Signups will be accepted until Aug. 4. The team competes in several meets and invitations across the county



The 14U Diamondbacks were champions.

and valley.

July 23 is the start of the Shafter Recreation Summer Tennis Camp.

The camp teaches students the basic techniques and strokes of the game. It also concentrates on conditioning drills as well as footwork. The camp is for ages 5-13.

Shafter Recreation also has several programs for seniors. Tuesdays and Thurs-

days, they have chair fitness classes, getting the participants to move with exercises that keep them limber and helps with their endurance. This class runs from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

There is also an arts and crafts program that lets the seniors let out their creative passions. This class is on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Sousa Investigative Services
2023-B4415
5701 Pryor St.
Bakersfield, CA 93308
County: Kern
5701 Pryor St.
Bakersfield, CA 93308
Daniel Allen Sousa
5701 Pryor St.
Bakersfield, CA 93308
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Daniel Allen Sousa
Date Statement Filed: 07/07/2023
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Name Statement
Prestige Auto Sales
2023-B4439
611 Oak St
Bakersfield, CA 93304
County: Kern
611 Oak St
Bakersfield, CA 93304
California Auto Leasing
611 Oak St
Bakersfield, CA 93304
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: Corporation
Date the business commenced: 06/01/2023
/s/Azmezy Jamaledin, CEO
Date Statement Filed: 07/07/2023
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Name Statement
Hawt Diggity Dawg
2023-B4386
8919 Lanora Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93306
County: Kern
8919 Lanora Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93306
Karrie Lynn Duncan
8919 Lanora Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93306
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Andrea Lynn Duncan
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Name Statement
Karrie's Kookies
2023-B4387
8919 Lanora Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93306
County: Kern
8919 Lanora Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93306
Karrie Lynn Rendon
8919 Lanora Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93306
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: 01/01/2023
/s/Karrie Lynn Rendon
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Gather Joy Productions LLC
2023-B4327
9412 Steinbeck Ln

Bakersfield, CA 93311
County: Kern
9412 Steinbeck Ln
Bakersfield, CA 93311
Gather Joy Productions LLC
9412 Steinbeck Ln
Bakersfield, CA 93311
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Jeremy England, CEO
Date Statement Filed: 07/03/2023
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Name Statement
SFMM Knives
2023-B4373
15412 Saint Clement Way
Bakersfield, CA 93314
County: Kern
15412 Saint Clement Way
Bakersfield, CA 93314
Christopher Scott Garrett
15412 Saint Clement Way
Bakersfield, CA 93314
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Christopher Scott Garrett
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Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Houghton High Ranch
2023-B4072
5060 California Ave #900
Bakersfield, CA 93309
County: Kern
5060 California Ave #900
Bakersfield, CA 93309
Wegis & Young Property Management, LLC
5060 California Ave #900
Bakersfield, CA 93309
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company
Date the business commenced: 07/13/2018
/s/Michael C. Young, President
Date Statement Filed: 06/22/2023
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Krazed Food Truck and Desserts
2023-B4132
4102 Sierra Madre Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93313
County: Kern
4102 Sierra Madre Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93313
Michael Silas Fowler
4102 Sierra Madre Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93313
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: 06/21/2023
/s/Michael Silas Fowler
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Name Statement
Moon Wave's Soap
2023-B3909
15524 Marty Ave.
Bakersfield, CA 93314

County: Kern
15524 Marty Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93314
Barbara Gail Winklepleck
15524 Marty Ave.
Bakersfield, CA 93314
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Barbara Gail Winklepleck
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Name Statement
Your Space Our Place
2023-B3302
6003 Barsanti Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93313
County: Kern
6003 Barsanti Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93313
Ramon Miguel Cardenas
6003 Barsanti Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93313
The business is conducted by: Individual
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/s/Ramon Miguel Cardenas
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Name Statement
C&J Farm Labor
2023-B3398
3104 Timothy St
Bakersfield, CA 93304
County: Kern
3104 Timothy St
Bakersfield, CA 93304
Jesus Prieto Jr
3104 Timothy St
Bakersfield, CA 93304
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Jesus Prieto Jr
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PUBLIC NOTICE
SHAFTER RECREATION AND
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NOTICE TO ADOPTION
2023-2024 OPERATING BUDGET
(Cal. Pub. Res. Code § 5788.1
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
PLEASE BE ADVISED that the Board of Directors of Shafter Recreation and Park District reviewed a preliminary budget at a special Board meeting on May 23th, 2023. The preliminary budget is available for inspection at the District office located at 700 E. Tulare Avenue, Shafter California during normal business hours. Please be further advised that the Board will meet to adopt the final budget at 5:00 p.m. on July 25th, 2023, at a special meeting of the District Board, at 505 Sunset Avenue, Shafter, California. Any person may appear at that time and be heard regarding any item in the budget or regarding the addition of other items.
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-23-951641-AB Order No.: FIN-23000178 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 5/14/2013. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE

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NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING ON ENGINEER'S REPORT REGARDING SEWER AND REFUSE SERVICE CHARGES TO BE ASSESSED AND COLLECTED THROUGH THE TAX ROLL OF KERN COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/24 PURSUANT TO HEALTH & SAFETY CODE SECTION 5473
NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to the California Health and Safety Code section 5473, et seq., the City of Shafter has elected to collect sewer and refuse charges for properties located within the Gossamer Grove Specific Plan Development, through the tax roll of Kern County. Accordingly, the Public Works Department has prepared a written report ("Report") describing each parcel of real property re-

ceiving sewer and refuse services in the Gossamer Grove Specific Plan Development in the City of Shafter, and the sewer and refuse service charges for such parcels for the fiscal year 2023/24, computed in conformity with the sewer and refuse rates set forth in the Shafter Municipal Code. The Report has been filed with the City Clerk and is available for public review at the City Clerk's office during regular business hours. NOTICE is further given that on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 6:00 PM (or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard), at the City of Shafter Council Chambers, 336 Pacific Ave., Shafter, California, City Council will hold a public hearing to consider any objections to the charges set forth in the Report. Any person wishing to make any objection to the Report may appear and make such objections at the public hearing. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the City Council may adopt, revise, change, reduce or modify any charge in the Report or overrule any or all objections to the Report and shall make its determination upon each charge as described in said Report, which determination shall be final. If the City Council finds that a majority of the owners of the parcels of property described in the Report object to the Report, the Council shall not adopt the Report and shall collect the sewer and refuse services charges separately from the tax roll and the changes set forth in the Report shall not constitute a lien against any parcel or parcels of property described therein. All interested persons are invited to attend this hearing and be heard at the time and place specified above regarding the matter under consideration. All supporting documents are available for review during normal business hours of the City of Shafter at the City Clerk's office, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA. The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of the public hearing and that the Report has been completed and is available for public review until the City Council hearing. You are encouraged to observe the City Council meeting live via YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofShafter/>. If you wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item or public comment, please submit your comment via email by 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 to the City Clerk at CityClerk@shafter.com. If you wish to make a written comment please submit your comment to the City Clerk, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263. If you wish to make a comment during the live meeting by joining the conference via Zoom (include making live comments during the public comment period), callers must first register with the City Clerk at CityClerk@shafter.com before the meeting begins to receive instructions and the call-in number and code. All public comments are provided to the City Council and applicable Staff, for review and consideration by the Council prior to taking action on any matters listed on the agenda and are incorporated into the official record of the City Council meeting. All written comments concerning this matter should be directed to the following address: Shafter Engineering Department, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA. Written comments should be submitted by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, so they may be reviewed prior to consideration of the matter; comments sent via facsimile to (661) 746-9125 will be accepted. If you challenge any of the foregoing actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing for final action described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing. Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk Dated: June 29, 2023 Publish Shafter Press July 6, 13, 2023

OBITUARIES

John W. Blunt
June 10, 1960 –
July 6, 2023

John W. Blunt, 63, passed away suddenly early in the morning on July 6, 2023. He was at home in his Idaho paradise, the place he loved the most. He was someone who always made people laugh and felt welcomed by his presence. He brought so much joy to many people's lives and would go above and beyond for those he loved. John was a quiet and humble man, and the best friend anyone could have had. We are all better



for knowing him. He had many dreams and goals to accomplish and was taken way too soon from this earth.



John was a devoted father and spouse. He loved completing projects, from building a chicken coup to his greenhouse and mul-

multiple enclosures on his property, and he continuously taught himself how to fix and build things. He had a love for airplanes and even built his own airplane in his youth with his father. He had his pilot's license and a dream of getting another airplane and being one with the sky again.

There is nothing John couldn't do. If he didn't know how, he would learn. Besides being outside or with family, John's favorite place was on the couch watching TV and reliving his glory days of the Arvin

High School football team and his luscious golden head of hair.

He was a spiritual man. He loved his Heavenly Father and the light of Christ shined through him, giving him peace that he will be with his wife for all eternity. He was blessed to have been married to the love of his life for 25 years.

John was a retired detective with the Bakersfield Police Department. He served his community diligently and heroically for 23 years. He will be deeply missed by his friends, fam-

ily and all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, children, and extensive extended family.

As per John's request, no funeral or memorial services will be held.

His memory and his example will dwell in our hearts forever. May John find rest in the loving arms of our Heavenly Father, until we meet again. Sherman-Campbell Funeral Home in Newport, Wash., was in charge of arrangements. Family and friends are welcome to visit their website at shermancampbell.com

PASTOR'S CORNER

The tears of Jesus

PASTOR RUBEN ZARTMAN
Ebenezer Reformed Church, Shafter

Bible trivia enthusiasts likely know that the shortest verse in the Bible contains just two words: "Jesus wept." (John 11:35). There are several references in the Bible to Jesus crying or weeping.

The one just mentioned was at the graveside of a friend — a friend named Lazarus — whom Jesus was about to raise from the dead (John 11:1-44). This shows a Jesus accessible to human emotion, sharing the grief of others, experiencing the tragedy of death even as he was a conqueror over it. It's a helpful reminder to all believers in loss and grief that they

are not alone: our Lord also wept.

There's another occasion when Jesus wept, recorded in Luke 19:41-44. There, the setting was a lament over Jerusalem, who had not recognized the day of her visitation. In other words, this was deep grief over spiritual blindness and hard-heartedness, over a rejection of the very mercy that was so necessary. This is a grief that relates to Christ's work. For pastors, for everyone who cares about the triumphs of God's grace, there is a similar comfort here. You are not alone in mourning over the people who don't want grace, even though there is nothing they need more.

Another instance is found, not in the Gospels, but in the book of Hebrews. There we're told about Jesus that "He had

offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear." (Hebrews 5:7). The reference seems to be Christ's agony in Gethsemane, when he persisted in prayer and received strength to go through with the overwhelming horror of the crucifixion. The tears on that occasion let us know that when we weep for the difficulties coming upon us, we are not in the wrong. There can certainly be wrong attitudes, but a sinless Savior also cried out and shed tears as dreadful affliction reached him.

Finally, since the Psalms contain the language of Christ, the references to weeping there also relate to Jesus. Jesus used the

words of the Psalms as his own on many occasions, but very notably when he was being crucified (Psalm 22:1 and Matthew 27:46; Psalm 31:5 and Luke 23:46). He could use those words, because they were already his.

Thus Psalm 116:8 can be read in Christ's voice: *For You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.* These words tell us that in light of the resurrection of Christ, there will be an end to tears (Isaiah 25:8; Revelation 7:17). They are often appropriate now, but a day is coming when crying is at an end. We can know that, because that day has already dawned for Christ.

Rev. Ruben Zartman has been the pastor at Ebenezer Reformed Church in Shafter since 2017.

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Church unites community with a fair

JOSHUA COOLEY
For the Wasco Tribune

WASCO

The Free Will Baptist Church hosted a lively community fair last month, featuring a diverse array of 19 booths offering a variety of services and attractions. The event aimed to bring the community together and provide valuable information about different organizations that supported the fair.

providing information on food assistance for families in need. CAPK operates three local food pantries in Wasco, Shafter, and McFarland, catering to urgent food needs within the community.

Among the booths, several organizations stood out, including CAPK, the Kern County Cancer Foundation, and CCS. CAPK's representative, Araseli Lopez, emphasized the importance of raising awareness about mental health and

Representatives from the City of Wasco also attended the fair, demonstrating their support for the event. Code enforcement officer Sergio Gonzales shared that they provided information about new housing developments and ongoing improvements, while actively engaging with citizens through surveys to gather their valuable input on further enhancements.

Michael Navarrete, a general assistant for the fair, expressed the church's commitment to addressing the needs of the community. He explained, "Our church takes this responsibility seriously, ensuring that those who are hungry receive food and those in need of clothing are provided for. We are here to demonstrate the love of God."

benefits available to the community. Apart from the services offered by different organizations, the Free Will Baptist Church provides a range of child services, catering to nursery-age children through teenagers. Additionally, the church extends its support by offering transportation services for those in need.

Local high school student Pascual Millian shared his enthusiasm for serving the community, stating, "I enjoy helping out and making sure the community receives everything they need."

The church's fair served as a powerful testament to the church's dedication to fostering a sense of unity and caring within the community. By providing information and support, the fair not only showcased the services available but also emphasized the church's commitment to meeting the diverse needs of the community.

CCS also participated in the fair, providing vital information about mental health services and outpatient health ben-

Summerfest benefits Orange Heart, wrestlers

JOSHUA COOLEY
For the Wasco Tribune

WASCO

Wasco community members came alive with excitement as it hosted its first-ever Small Town Summerfest last month. The event, held in support of the Orange Heart Foundation and the Wasco Families Wrestling Club, brought together residents from near and far for a day filled with

thrilling games, tacos, and an opportunity to contribute to worthy causes.

One of the highlights of the Summerfest on June 17 was the friendly competition that unfolded on the grounds. Members of the community had a thrilling time playing cornhole and Jenga. The lively atmosphere was amplified by the cheers and laughter of onlookers, creating an infectious sense of camaraderie throughout the event.



Maria Robledo and Maria Lopez enjoyed the night.

Maria Lopez, a Wasco resident, spoke about her motivation for attending the Summerfest, saying, "I came out here to support the youth wrestling and to hang out with friends while our husbands play cornhole." This event provided an opportunity for residents to come together and enjoy a day of fun-filled activities, all for a noble cause.



Community members participated in the cornhole tournament.

Russel Prado, a volunteer at the event, expressed his commitment to the cause. "We are here to help

the Orange Heart Foundation and Wasco wrestling, making tacos and helping wherever we are needed." The generosity and hard work of individuals like Prado were instrumental in the success of the Summerfest and further highlighted the sense of community spirit that pervaded the event.

"This is an event we need to have more than once. It's a chance to raise money for the wrestlers to travel, it's a safe fun event, and it's close by and local for anyone to come and enjoy." Robledo's sentiment resonated with many attendees who expressed their desire for the Small Town Summerfest to become an annual tradition.

Ruth Robledo, a passionate supporter of the Wasco Families Wrestling Club, voiced her enthusiasm for the Summerfest, emphasizing the importance of its continuity.

The event's sponsors included Wayne Johnson Trucking Company, California Home Pros, Clendene LLC, N. Martinez Transportation, and 43 Bar.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE - CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: SCV-23-00013
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: Luis Alberto Velazquez filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present Name
Luis Alberto Velazquez
Proposed Name
Luis Alberto Hernandez
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
a. Date: 07/21/2023 Time: 8:30 AM
Dept: B
b. The address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF KERN, 325 Central Valley Hwy, Shafter, CA 93263. North Division
3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Wasco Tribune
Date: 5/16/23
/s/Marcos R. Camacho

Judge of the Superior Court
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Made Wright LLC
2023-B3796
1248 Margalo St
Wasco, CA 93280
County: Kern
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Made Wright LLC
1248 Margalo St
Wasco, CA 93280
State of Incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company
Date the business commenced: N/A /s/Alexander Wright, Managing Member
Date Statement Filed: 06/12/2023
Date Statement Expires: 06/12/2028
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Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: M Hernandez
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Comida Travel
2023-B4403
16289 Western Ave
Wasco, CA 93280
County: Kern
16289 Western Ave
Wasco, CA 93280
Katherine Marie Braun Moreno
16289 Western Ave
Wasco, CA 93280
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A /s/Katherine Marie Braun Moreno
Date Statement Filed: 07/06/2023
Date Statement Expires: 07/06/2028
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